



# News Release

## Sarah Strikes Gold Again

**Canmore, AB** (December 29, 2007) – Known for her sprinting, Fort Smith cross-country skier demonstrated that she's no slouch in a distance race when she came from behind to win the 7.5 kilometre free technique event in the Bow Corridor Regional Race #2 today. The victory was her second gold to go with two silvers this season.

Daitch's main rival in the 16-women field was Ontario's Tasha Betcherman, an outstanding distance racer. Aware of Daitch's sprinting prowess, Betcherman powered to the lead in hopes of losing the Fort Smith. But the tenacious Daitch clung to her heels throughout the race. As they dashed towards the stadium well ahead of the rest of the field, Daitch shifted gears, passing Betcherman on an uphill and sprinting to the finish in a time of 21-minutes and 57-seconds.

Afterwards, Daitch reflected on her performance. "I knew if I could stay with Tasha, I was in there with a chance. She's a great competitor, but today my skis were running a little better than hers. I like this course. It's good for a technical skier like me." It was the first time that Daitch had beaten Betcherman in a distance event.

Next for Betcherman, Daitch and the world's best skiers will be the World Cup in Canmore beginning on January 22. Both women are anxious to see how they will stack up against that field of gifted athletes.

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